

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product comprising a package and at least n absorbent articles contained in the package, wherein n is greater than 10, each of the absorbent articles comprising: a topsheet, a backsheet, and an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the topsheet and the backsheet defining a first waist region longitudinally opposed to a second waist region, wherein the first and second waist regions are connectable with each other to form a waist opening, each of the absorbent articles further comprising a reference mark and a printed graphic printed directly on the backsheet; and

wherein the printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association;

wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles comprises a microporous film material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein each printed graphic is printed directly on the garment facing surface of the microporous film material; and

wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles further comprises a nonwoven material joined with the garment facing surface of the microporous film material, and wherein the printed graphic is visible through the nonwoven material; and

wherein the predetermined association includes a common theme; ~~and~~

~~wherein the printed graphics are printed directly on each backsheet of the n absorbent articles in a randomly selected order and the n absorbent articles are stacked in the package in the randomly selected order.~~

2.-8. (cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein the common theme includes cartoon characters, transportation means, animals, fruits, vegetables, plants, and seasonal themes.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein n is selected from 11 to 120.

12.-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein each printed graphic is an inkjet printed graphic.

23. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 30, wherein the sheet of material extending from the first waist region to the second waist region of the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles is a microporous film material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein each printed graphic is printed directly on the garment facing surface of the microporous film material.

24. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 23, wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles further comprises a nonwoven material joined with the garment

facing surface of the microporous film material, and wherein the printed graphic is visible through the nonwoven material.

25. (Withdrawn) The absorbent product of Claim 30, wherein the backsheet of each of the absorbent articles comprises a microporous film material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein the sheet of material extending from the first waist region to the second waist region of the backsheet is a nonwoven material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, wherein the body facing surface of the nonwoven is joined with the garment facing surface of the microporous film material, and wherein the printed graphic is printed directly on the garment facing surface of the nonwoven material.

26. (Withdrawn) The absorbent product of claim 1, wherein each of the absorbent articles further comprises a second printed graphic printed directly on the topsheet; and
wherein the second printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the second printed graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association.

27. (Withdrawn) The absorbent product of Claim 26, wherein the topsheet of each of the absorbent articles comprises a nonwoven material having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein the second printed graphic is printed directly on the body facing surface of the nonwoven material.

28. (Withdrawn) The absorbent product of claim 1, wherein each of the absorbent articles further comprises a second printed graphic printed directly on the absorbent core; and
wherein the second printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the second printed graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association.

29. (Withdrawn) The absorbent product of Claim 28, wherein the absorbent core of each of the absorbent articles comprises an acquisition layer having a body facing surface and a garment facing surface, and wherein the second printed graphic is printed directly on the body facing surface of the acquisition layer.

30. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product comprising a package and at least n absorbent articles contained in the package, wherein n is greater than 10, each of the absorbent articles comprising: a topsheet, a backsheet, and an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the topsheet and the backsheet defining a first waist region longitudinally opposed to a second waist region, wherein the first and second waist regions are connectable with each other to form a waist opening, and wherein the backsheet comprises a sheet of material extending from the first waist region to the second waist region, each of the absorbent articles further comprising a reference mark and a printed graphic printed directly on the sheet of material; and

wherein the printed graphic of each of the n absorbent articles is different from the graphic of each of the remaining absorbent articles, and wherein all of the printed graphics of the n absorbent articles have a predetermined association; and

wherein the predetermined association includes a common theme; and
~~wherein the printed graphics are printed directly on each sheet of the n absorbent articles in a randomly selected order and the n absorbent articles are stacked in the package in the randomly selected order.~~

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The absorbent product of Claim 30, wherein each printed graphic is an inkjet printed graphic.

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33. (New) The absorbent product of Claim 1, wherein the printed graphics are printed directly on each backsheet of the n absorbent articles in a randomly selected order and the n absorbent articles are stacked in the package in the randomly selected order

34. (New) The absorbent product of Claim 30, wherein the printed graphics are printed directly on each sheet of the n absorbent articles in a randomly selected order and the n absorbent articles are stacked in the package in the randomly selected order